

## To Dance at the Horse Show Ball

# Horse Lovers Stand Up Horses

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WASHINGTON'S first International Horse Show Ball, held last night at the Sheraton-Park Hotel, obviously had the attraction sponsors hoped for in announcing it as glittering social high-light of the five-day show season.

It was such a drawing card, in fact, Mrs. McLendon that some of the guests even skipped the horse show to get there on time.

While horse show goers were still applauding the jumpers at the National Guard Armory, Mrs. Richard Lunn (Liz Whitney), socialite and horsewoman of long standing, and her celebrity studded party, including Pakistan's Prince Aly Kahn, swept into the Sheraton-Park ballroom to begin the dancing.

THE HORSEMEN themselves, in their scarlet coats, and judges in their gray, didn't arrive until nearly midnight.

Mrs. Whitney, in a gold sheath and a flowing evening coat of matching gold, had entertained at cocktails and dinner before the show. But because her important guest, world known horseman Prince Aly, was tied up on United Nations business in New York and got in late, dinner wasn't over until ball time.

No one was sorrier than Aly to miss the show; he was particularly interested in seeing the jumpers, he said. But since he had to leave early this morning for New York again, the only horses he saw at this horse show were the miniature ones decorating the ballroom.



He enjoyed the dancing, though, as did the rest of the party. They had the vast ballroom floor to themselves for a good 15 minutes before other ballgoers began to arrive.

With Mrs. Lunn also were Mr. and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid, stunning Mrs. Mollie Bragneau and Julio Heurtematte, Mrs. H. Roosevelt Poole dancing with Richard Lee Ridge of the Horse Show committee.

Arriving later, but one of the first to take a turn around the dance floor with Aly Khan, was Gwen Cafritz, in ice blue bouffant satin with a matching stole.

She and her husband, Morris, were dinner guests of Col. and Mrs. Robert Guggenheim, as were the Frank Hechts, the Blake Clarks and the Ray Henles.

Polly Guggenheim wore a dramatic white satin Marusa design, the only color in the whole ensemble being the flashing red-rubies in her diamond and ruby necklace and bracelet.

PERLE MESTA was another early arrival and had the orchestra breaking into songs from "Call Me Madam", as she swept around the floor with Bob Gray of the White House. She wore pink satin with jewels bordering the bottom of the skirt.

In her party were Dr. Anthony Sindoni of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. William Tripp; Fred Roy; Mrs. Francis Whitten; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Cox, and Wilson Trimmer.

Two attractive dancers were Joan Baker, stunning in a mauve satin Empire gown and a Madame Recamier hairdo, with Ralph Johnson, and tall, slender, brunette Daviette Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hill, in exquisite gold satin, dancing with Joe Barrett.

The Robert Ranlets of New York, Washington and

Charlottesville were early arrivals, as were Gen. and Mrs. Charles P. Cabell and their Army-Navy Club dinner party, including Mrs. Campbell Watson with Jon Jonkel, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy St. Lewis; she in a leaf green Marusa.

First riders to arrive in their hunting duds were Dr. John Kneipp and Hal Braman, with their wives. They're members of the Potomac Hunt Club. The German and Mexican riding teams arrived en masse about midnight, as did Russian Ambassador Menshikov and Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Roy Rubottom, with the Venezuelan Ambassador and his wife.

Also enjoying the music of Lester Lanin, just back from St. Louis where he played for the Veiled Prophet Ball Sunday night, were Adm. and Mrs. Basil Rittenhouse, just back from South America themselves; Gen. and Mrs. Lucas V. Beau; Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGinnis; Louise Gore; Ben Smith and his daughter, Suzie.

Seated around tables for

twelve, the guests were served a midnight supper of tenderloin of beef au Madrec, string beans amandine, Boston salad with lemon dressing, coup St. Jacques, and demi tasse.

STAGED for the benefit of the Elks Crippled Children's Fund, the Ball had a VIP patron list headed by Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower; and Vice President and Mrs. Richard Nixon. Honor guests were the equestrian representatives of the United States, West Germany and Mexico, and the exhibitors of the Horse Show.

Gwen Cafritz, who earlier in the day was the "fall gal" at a Saints and Sinners luncheon, and her husband, Morris, were guests of the M. Robert Guggenheims. At Mrs. Florence Zininski-Friedman's table were Ceylon's Ambassador and Mrs. Senerat Gunewardene and their daughter, Swarna. Also there from Embassy Row were Austrian Ambassador and Mrs. Wilfried Platzer, and Iranian Ambassador and Mrs. Ali Gholi Ardalani.